

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and consideration of the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 9, 16, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claim 7 has been previously canceled. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled in the present amendment. Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 16-20 remain pending. Claim 1 stands objected to for various informalities. Claim 15 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-14 and 16-18 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 9-13 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Claim 4 stands rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, however, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite prosecution and Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of broader scope in continuation applications.

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out what Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 1 to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections to claim 1, be withdrawn. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claim 15 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The former claim 15 depended from claim 14 which depended from claim 9. Applicant has amended claim 9 to include the limitations of claims 14 and 15 and therefore Applicant contends that claim 9 and claims 10-13 and 16-18, which depend therefrom are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as stated by the Examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of “outputting a voltage from a voltage source controller, the voltage source controller includes a control input coupled to the output of the activation device, the voltage source controller further includes a voltage input coupled to a voltage source; and applying the voltage to the output of the storage cell”. Applicant therefore contends that claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as stated by the Examiner with regard to claim 15. Claims 2-6, 8-13 and 16-18 depend from claim 1 and Applicant contends claims 2-6, 8-13 and 16-18 are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as stated for claim 1.

Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of “including coupling the reset voltage across the activated first reset device and across the activated second reset device; outputting a voltage from a voltage source controller, the voltage source controller includes a control input coupled to the output of the activation device, the voltage source controller further includes a voltage input coupled to a voltage source; and applying the voltage to the output of the storage cell.” Applicant therefore contends that claim 19 is patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as stated by the Examiner with regard to claim 15. Claim 20 depends from claim 19 and Applicant contends claim 20 is patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as stated for claim 19.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 1-6 and 8-13 and 16-20 are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of said claims.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact George B. Leavell at (408) 749-6900, ext 6923.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Ref# SUNMP314) for any charges that may be due or credit our account for any overpayment. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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